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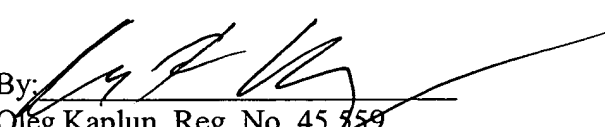
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2004, transmitted herewith please find a Response under Rule 116 for filing in the above-identified application.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the **Deposit Account of Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP No. 50-1492**. A copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

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**RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2004, please consider the following remarks.